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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-50.

Add claims 51-55.

-- 51. A method of inhibiting the rejection of a cell transplanted into a human patient, the method comprising:

(a) introducing into the cell a DNA construct comprising a DNA molecule encoding an immunosuppressive polypeptide, and

(b) transplanting the cell into the human patient, wherein the immunosuppressive polypeptide is expressed at a level sufficient to suppress the rejection of the transplanted cell.

52. The method of claim 51, wherein the cell is a cell of an allograft.

53. The method of claim 51, wherein the cell is a cell of a xenograft.

54. The method of claim 51, wherein the DNA molecule encodes transforming growth factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ).

55. The method of claim 51, wherein the DNA molecule encodes interleukin-10 (IL-10). --

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